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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 10417

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, ADB, JA, EFIN

SUBJ: US SUPPORT FOR ADB

REFS: A) JAKARTA 9173(NOTAL); B) MANILA 1029(NOTAL)

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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR COOPER

FOR INGERSOLL, ROBINSON, AND HABIB

1. EMBASSY TOKYO FULLY SHARES CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTELS THAT USG  
IN ACTION RE ADB MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THAT INSTITUTION AS WELL AS  
USG INTERESTS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

2. JAPANESE HAVE MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO EMBASSY THEIR HOPE AND  
EXPECTATION THAT US WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN  
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ASIA FOLLOWING INDOCHINA DENOUEMENT, AND THEIR VIEW THAT ECON-

OMIC ASSISTANCE IS GOOD MEANS OF PLAYING SUCH A ROLE. WE SHARE THEIR VIEW RE THE GREAT UTILITY TO US OF CONINUED ROLE AS DONOR OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERLA DEVELOPMENT AID IN ASIA.

3. IN THE PAST, THE JAPANESE HAVE OFTEN DEMONSTRATED THEIR PROPENSITY TO MOVE IN STEP WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH COMMON PROBLEMS. THIS PROPENSITY HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY MARKED CONCERNING AID MATTERS. IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF THE ADB, THE JAPANESE ARE FULLY AWARE OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS POSED BY THEIR LEADING ROLE AS A SUPPLIER OF CAPITAL TO THE BANK (AND THEIR WINNING OF THE LION'S SHARE OF BIDS UNDER ADB CONTRACTS) AND ARE UNCOMFORTABLE IN SUCH A VISIBLE ROLE. ANY DECREASE IN USG SUPPORT FOR THE ADB WOULD SERIOUSLY EXACERBATE THIS SITUATION AND REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO LEAD TO CONSEQUENT REDUCTION IN GOJ SUPPORT. IF USG WERE TO TERMINATE ITS ROLE AS A DONOR TO ADB, GOJ WOULD SURELY REASSESS ITS POSITION; IF IT TOOK SIMILAR STEPS THE COLLAPSE OF THE BANK WOULD BE VIRTUALLY INEVITABLE.

4. FROM TOKYO, THE END RESULT OF SUCH A SCENARIO WOULD APPEAR TO BE A) STRONG JAPANESE DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH PROVIDED US AND JAPAN AS MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO COOPERATE CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGION AND AT THE DIMINISHED US INTEREST IN ASIA MANIFESTED BY OUR ACTIONS, B) UNIVERSAL DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG DEVELOPING REGIONAL COUNTRIES AT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A VALUABLE SOURCE OF SCARCE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND THUS A SETBACK TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ITSELF, AND C) THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A TOOL THROUGH WHICH THE USG COULD CONTINUE TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE BUT LOW PROFILE ROLE IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS. CLEARLY ALL OF THESE RESULTS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DETRIMENTAL TO USG INTERESTS.

5. WE FULLY AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE INTERPRETATION OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES WILL PLACE ON USG INACTION ON THIS ISSUE. WE URGE STATE AND TREASURY TO VIGOROUSLY AND PROMPTLY PURSUE QUESTIONS BOTH OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS AND OUR FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADB.

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